

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (28 new fires)  
New large fires: 0 (\*)  
Large fires contained: 0  
Uncontained large fires : \*\* 1  
Area Command Teams committed: 0  
NIMOs committed: 0  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 47 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Northern California Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 0  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Loma**, San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit, Cal Fire. Twelve miles northeast of Santa Cruz, CA. Brush and timber. Creeping with isolated group tree torching. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Loma	CA	CZU	485	-115	55	10/27	1,742	805	69	93	6	3	729K	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A large low pressure trough will move into the western U.S. creating strong winds across much of the southwest quarter of the country today. Areas of significant fire potential are possible across portions of the Southwest and Southern California. Offshore winds will develop this afternoon and evening across portions of Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties of southern California.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



## **Today's discussion is from the Motorized Operations Category.**

### **ATV Safety**

The use of ATVs for wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire operations has increased dramatically over the last ten years. Note: Several agencies have required training for ATV operations (check your agency's requirements).

● Most injuries associated with ATVs occur when:

- the driver loses control (When the operator encounters a change of terrain or swerves to avoid an obstacle, it causes an abrupt change of balance and loss of control.)
- the vehicle rolls over
- the driver or passenger is thrown off
- the operator's loss of attention to what, where, and how an ATV is being operated
- or there is a collision with a fixed object

● Identified contributing factors to ATV accidents include:

- rider inexperience
- excessive speed--excessive speed, combined with rough terrain, can create enough pitch and bounce to cause the operator to lose control of the vehicle
- lack of helmet use
- the ATV is improperly loaded or load weight exceeds vehicle operation capacity
- the operator carries a passenger that affects the operators control and operation of the ATV

● Safety measures for ATV use include:

- Conduct pre-ride inspection-- This inspection should include checking tires, throttle cable, front and rear brakes, lights and switches, oil and fuel, chain or drive shaft, air filter, clean out of weeds and other debris from around engine and other hot components, and the chassis for any defects or wear.
- Single riders only--Injuries frequently occur to passengers, therefore riding double should not be permitted.
- Always wear PPE- helmets, eye protection, and protective clothing. Appropriate helmets are those designed for motorcycle (not firefighting) use, and should include safety visors/face shields, goggles, or safety glasses for eye protection.
- Use headlights to improve visibility by other vehicles
- Maintain speeds acceptable for riding conditions, especially over uneven terrain
- Traversing slopes should be avoided
- Mounted or towed loads should not exceed manufacturer's recommendation and should be properly mounted so that weight transfer does not affect the center of gravity of the machine-- mounting a tank (e.g., drip torch) on the rear of the vehicle increases the chances for a rear turnover.
- Do not drive on public roads - Collisions with automobiles on public roads are the most common cause of fatal ATV accidents. It may be illegal to operate an ATV on public roads—check your state's laws.

References: [Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

[Safety and Occupational Health Manual Handbook, BLM-1112-1](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					17	1	18
	ACRES					70	2	72
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Southern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					27		27
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	27	1	28
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	100	2	102

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	42	21	376	27	516
	ACRES	1	764,818	754,710	101,190	1,321,312	10	2,942,041
Northwest	FIRES	389	322	26	80	1,084	1,455	3,356
	ACRES	9,573	30,770	2,353	2,221	56,169	48,500	149,586
Northern California	FIRES	156	64	4	39	2,807	885	3,955
	ACRES	1,464	1,535	5	1,759	63,116	36,830	104,709
Southern California	FIRES	43	184	16	33	3,415	552	4,243
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	6,021	23,793	262,791	298,447
Northern Rockies	FIRES	824	121	18	33	651	845	2,492
	ACRES	4,581	1,015	398	10,878	24,722	24,236	65,830
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	544	5	29	621	556	1,804
	ACRES	106	69,628	226	7,281	18,165	42,295	137,701
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	403	9	11	102	143	678
	ACRES	2,440	29,479	150	22	956	318	33,365
Southwest	FIRES	841	261	10	63	904	1,361	3,440
	ACRES	47,069	88,632	3,843	8,010	288,004	144,383	579,941
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	623	476	19	29	704	406	2,257
	ACRES	3,299	10,642	535	67	73,088	7,994	95,625
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		42	29	12,957	566	14,032
	ACRES	1,241		889	110	113,107	6,701	122,048
Southern Area	FIRES	701		236	54	34,852	590	36,433
	ACRES	90,892		48,206	44,166	964,506	31,087	1,178,857
TOTAL	FIRES	4,075	2,424	427	421	58,473	7,386	73,206
	ACRES	162,255	1,000,727	811,360	181,725	2,946,938	605,145	5,708,150

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>71,521</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,546,012</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		80				47	127
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						151	151
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						55	55
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						366	366
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0		1		1	2
	ACRES		7		2		51	60
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					140		140
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	3	8	13
	ACRES	0	87	0	2	140	671	900

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					3,438	95	3,533
Northwest	FIRES	21	152	27	4	1	192	397
	ACRES	6,887	34,579	3,903	47	1	34,709	80,126
Northern California	FIRES	26	17	27	70	23	225	388
	ACRES	224	2,515	27,707	4,921	2,540	12,569	50,476
Southern California	FIRES	1	10	14	11	1	137	174
	ACRES	1	636	1,932	1,465	195	11,361	15,590
Northern Rockies	FIRES	35	29	92	4	51	309	520
	ACRES	9,656	4,466	21,824	353	5,279	27,991	69,569
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	29	5	13	48	135	231
	ACRES	8	13,437	1,628	344	2,822	28,403	46,642
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2			6	12
	ACRES		1,652	62			859	2,573
Southwest	FIRES	41	27	3	4		268	343
	ACRES	13,370	49,437	501	530		132,527	196,365
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	77	49	132	17	54	159	488
	ACRES	9,652	5,248	21,328	7,708	2,076	33,691	79,703
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		549	51	2,659	211	3,541
	ACRES	72,390		78,345	9,251	155,071	53,053	368,110
Southern Area	FIRES	7		287	85	821	1,120	2,320
	ACRES	3,056		156,381	92,929	299,604	1,012,512	1,564,482
TOTAL	FIRES	280	317	1,138	259	3,667	2,763	8,424
	ACRES	115,244	111,970	313,611	117,548	471,026	1,347,770	2,477,169

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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